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SUBJECT: Jigsaw Project

1. "Complete intelligence coverage" definitely cannot be handled by any one agency. The simple fact that CIA and the FBI are allocated to foreign and domestic fields of responsibility respectively is a clear indication that these two organizations which, due to their clandestine facilities, are best fitted to collect and produce current intelligence on Communism must combine their efforts with such assistance and background material as can be furnished by the IAC Agencies.

2. I think rather than "clear cut delineation of responsibilities" that the allocations should be rather broad and flexible, inasmuch as so many of the phases of Communism are overlapping.

3. Communism is primarily a political subject. However, it has grave military implications in that the final blow for conquest (as I understand it) will be an armed revolution to stamp out the last vestige of the die hard anti-Communists.

4. I think that the International Communist Committee should consist of members from ORE, OIR, and FBI with observers from OSO and the other IAC Agencies. ORE should be the production center using material collected from all available sources. Frequent meetings should be held by the "Committee" to discuss possible variations in allocations, priority requirements and any other matters of current importance.

5. In view of the fact that Communism is our principal enemy at present (and for some time to come!) it should be the principal target for all branches of all intelligence agencies (except, perhaps, in purely scientific or technical fields). Therefore, there should be no need to build up an "empire" within ORE for this purpose. However, there should be acquired such qualified personnel as are necessary to assist the several branches in order that the subject may have full exploitation.

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